Bible & Daily Living

Eternal Lord

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
OUT ETERNAL LORD
Lesson for September 27, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Isaiah 40 Introduction

The numerous Apollo flights and space shuttles into space have, among many things, affirmed our smallness and God's expansiveness. This does not mean to imply that we are insignificant or unimportant in the eyes of God, for we are because he is. The vastness of space cannot overshadow the fact that God is intimately and ultimately involved in the human drama.

This week our study takes us into one of the most significant Old Testament books, namely Isaiah. The prophecies of Isaiah earlier brought bad news to the people of Israel. The mighty Babylonian machine would topple the Holy City and force the people into exile.

Isaiah 40 is like a "fresh breeze" in a parched, barren desert. Here is introduced the joyful notion of "gospel." Isaiah barely shouts with joy,"...Behold, I bring you glad tidings, which shall be to all people."

The early portion of Isaiah 40 spells out a hopeful prophecy of the people's eventual return to their homeland. Isaiah further describes the Lordship of God and his supreme power over all of creation.

Lord of Creation [Isaiah 40:12-26]

One can hardly observe the natural beauty around him without thinking that someone is behind and giving order to it all. God is obviously a master designer of beauty and humanity. The human body alone is enough to make us marvel and wonder.

Isaiah also affirms God's ultimate authority over the historical process. Leaders may leave their mark for good or bad-but God has his ultimate plan in mind for the redemption of the earth. Leaders come and go, but the Lord God shall remain forever.

God is supreme in power and creator of the universal order. It was he who set in motion the human drama; it is he who will bring it to a final closure.

Lord o Space [Isaiah 40:25-26]

The people of NASA in Houston shouted triumphantly when the space probe reached Saturn and sent back the breathtaking pictures of the planet's rings. The next stop in the space probe's agenda is Neptune, some five years away! After Neptune is Uranus. Where to next? How far can the probe go into space? The answer of course is that there are seemingly no limits.

God surely designed a big stage for such a seemingly short drama on earth. But the focus of God's care and concern is here on this pinhead planet of ours. Here God is working out his plan to bring his people into fellowship with himself.

As a boy I used to lie on my back in the front yard and observe the formations of the stars. I wondered from time to time if God knew we were here, if I was here. I know by faith, however, that I am important to him. He really cares what happens in my life and yours. That's comforting news.

A Lord For The People [Isaiah 40:27-31]

God's handiwork and designs have only his people in mind. The earth was created for our pleasure. Creation itself is an act of divine love. God did not selfishly create totally for himself. Isaiah shares this good news with the exiles, that God's design for them is deliverance and restoration to their homeland as long as they follow him in obedience.

The exiles fell into the familiar trap of questioning, "Does God really care what happens to us?" Somehow they perceived that God was "out of tune" with their life and the agony of living in exile.

When Isaiah came to them he brought with him a message of hope. "You will return to your homeland. You will be freed to make the journey back to the beloved land and city. You will soar with the eagles and arrive home safe and sound" (author's paraphrase.)

Hope is the medicine of the soul. Without someone or something to hope in, we belong to that portion of the human race who commit suicide. Someone wrote, "Hope, like a taper's gleaming light, adorns the wretches' way; and still, as darker grown the night, emits a brighter ray." (author unknown)

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Times-Virginian Church News

Revival set for Vera church

Revival services are being held this week at Vera Church of God, and will continue through Sunday evening, Sept. 27.

Services begin at 7:30 p.m. each night, with the Rev. Gary Riggs from Kentucky serving as guest evangelist.

Pastor Charles Helms invites the general public to attend and worship during the Vera Church of God revival services.

Gospel singers slated

"Coy and the Gospel Strings", a very special gospel singing group from Eden, N. C. will be in concert on Sept. 27 at 11:00 morning worship service at Bethel Bible Church, Linden Street, Appomattox, Va.

These musicians represent our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are becoming well-known in the gospel singing groups. God has put together guitars, bass guitar, mandolin and banjo tuned to touch your heart.

These men of God blessed our souls during their last visit to our church. We are looking for a great blessing from God again! Please come and share with us during this wonderful time of gospel singing.

A nursery will be provided. Our church is a non-denominational church with a great love for God and people. You will receive a warm welcome from our members. Psalms 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. Looking to see you there. God bless you.

Old Fashioned Day set for Appomattox church

This Sunday, September 27, has been declared "Old Fashioned Day" at the Appomattox Baptist Temple and some unusual things are going on.

One of the most prominent of these nostalgic flashbacks in preparation is the pastor's beard. "Not only is it reminiscent of those days when preachers wore beards," says Pastor Gallagher, "but it is also a symbol of our determination to reach our goal for Sunday School attendance for that day." Several of the other men of the church have been growing beards as well and are not going to shave until the goal is reached.

One of the featured activities planned for Old Fashioned Day is a special antique display. "We're going to get some unusual glimpses into the past through the variety of antique items that our people and their friends and family will have to exhibit," says the pastor. Everyone is encouraged to dress in old fashioned attire to enhance the spirit of the day. Some are planning to come in some manner of old fashioned transportation. There are even plans to have the music provided by an antique pump organ, "if we can get it working well enough by Sunday," said Rev. Gallagher.

A covered dish "dinner on the grounds" will be a highlight following the service and a concert of gospel music with the Pantana Family at 2:00 p.m. will round out the day. Everyone is, of course, both invited and encouraged to attend this unusual worship service with an eye toward those good old fashioned days in our memories when life somehow seemed a little better.

McDowell is guest minister

The Rev. Elto McDowell will be the guest minister at the 11:00 a.m. service at the Union Hill Baptist Church Homecoming activities planned for Sunday, September 27.

Lunch will be served on the grounds following the morning service.

Friends are cordially invited to attend.

Friendship sets homecoming

The Friendship Baptist Church in Appomattox will observe homecoming Sunday, Sept. 27, with the Rev. Larry Martin of Brookneal, Va. Bringing the morning and afternoon messages.

After the 11 a.m. worship service, there will be dinner on the grounds. A musical program with church musicians and guest singers will be in the afternoon. All members, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Lynchburg Methodist women to meet

Annual meeting of Lynchburg District United Methodist Women will meet Monday, Sept. 28, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. at Marsh Memorial United Methodist Church on Leesville Road, Lynchburg, Va. Speaker for the meeting will be Mrs. Henry Ravenscroft, Conference UMW President. Everyone is invited.

Farmville women to meet

United Methodist Women of Farmville District will meet at Virginia United Methodist Assembly Center, Blackstone, Virginia on Wednesday, September 30, 1981, beginning at 10 AM.

There will be an interesting program with Guest Speaker, Mrs. Ethel Bora, Vice-President, Women's Division, UMW.

Important business session to follow.

Program set at Mt. Obed

The Ladies Friendship Club of the Mt. Obed Baptist Church will present the "Gospel Cake" program at the Mt. Obed Baptist Church, Concord, Va., on Sunday, September 20, at 3:00 p.m.

The Rev. Deb. B. Christian, pastor of the church, will be the speaker. Music will be rendered by Mrs. Juanita Rodriques and daughters.

The public is invited to attend.

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To our many friends in the Appomattox area. I would like to take this opportunity to extend a special invitation to you to come and help us celebrate our second anniversary here at the Friendship Baptist Church. There will be plenty of parking, plenty of good food and plenty of good preaching.

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SUNDAY, SEPT. 27, 1981

Good news for homemakers

On sibling rivalry

By SHIRLEY W. WALTON
Extension Agent
Helping Family Members To Get Along

Nothing upsets parents or sometimes makes them feel guilty more than the bickering and fighting that goes on between their sons and daughters. Sibling rivalry and turn an unusually quiet home into somewhat of a temporary battleground with yelling, shoving, pushing and shouting.

There is often conflict among children in the family. Conflict may be caused by a number of things--vying for parents attention and limited time sometimes cause children to feel resentment because they have to wait their turn. Jealousy is sometimes at the root of the rivalry when one child feels another has received some special privileges or favors. Some conflict is the result of the teasing that goes on in many families. Sometimes name calling and unacceptable nicknames can cause problems.

Competition in various amounts usually shows up in families, often between siblings, but among other members as well at certain times. Even though parents would like for competition to be kept at a minimum, "the race for the best" often begins early.

While it is difficult for parents to accept sibling rivalry as a part of the growth process, it may be easier to deal with if it can be received as a rather normal part of family life.

Skills and human relations are not easy to acquire. Sharing is not an easy lesson to learn, but sometimes it may be more difficult to share parents time than things such as toys. Sibling rivalry and family relationships may help children learn how to get along with others in a rather safe atmosphere.

Learning how to interact with other people is difficult and may require a great deal of patience and understanding on the part of parents. While realizing that this is an area of growth, parents still need to have some firm lines of behavior which is tolerated and exptected within the family.

Parent models are important for children to learn to get along with people. However, sibling rivalry is not necessarily eliminated even though there is little parental bickering.

A few suggestions which may be helpful in lessening some of the sibling rivalry are:

1. Set aside some time to be alone with each child.
2. Recognize that each child is different.
3. Tell each child that he/she is unique with his/her onset of strenghts.
4. Build up each child for being what he/she is--not just for what the child can do.
5. Temper the amount of parental initiated competition.
6. Avoid comparing one child with the other.
7. Don't always insist on sharing.
8. Allow the older child to have his/her way at least half the time.

Read or tell stories that help the children understand their behavior.

10. Believe that sibling rivalry is a part of growing up and that children are learning how to get along with others.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or you may write us at P. O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Have a good week!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Blueberry Pie

Pastry for 2 crust, 9 in. pie
4 cups blueberries
1 cup sugar
3 Tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon grated lemon rind
¼ teaspoon cinnamon or nutmeg
dash salt
1 Tablespoon lemon juice
1 Tablespoon butter or margarine

Line bottom of 9-inch pie pan with pastry. Preheat oven to 425°F. In large bowl combine blueberries, sugar, flour, lemon rind, cinnamon and salt. Turn mixture into pastry-lined pan. Sprinkle berries with lemon juice and dot with butter cut in small pieces. Roll out top crust and top pie; seal edges and flute or crimp with fork as desired. Cut a few vents for steam. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes.

A unique corn field

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

Crawford Davidson has an oddity in a four acre corn field--practically every stalk and sucker has a tasselled ear. It's not uncommon to see such growth occasionally, but hardly every stalk.

The cause can be generally stated as a hormone change in the plant. More specifically, the cause is: (1) the result of a genetic trait in the variety; (2) injury of terminal bud--possibly by insects; (3) excessive high rate of nitrogen; (4) low population.

I attributed this occurance at least partially to low population--just over 7,000 plants per acre.

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There are ways to save fuel dollars this winter or anytime. Check these points:

1. Insulate home properly.
2. Caulk around windows, doors or other breaks in exterior.
3. Insulate the hot water heater.
4. Use electrical socket insulation on exterior walls.
5. Wrap hot water pipes with insulation.
6. If fireplace is not being used, block to prevent heat from escaping.
7. Never use a fireplace and another heat source at the same time.

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Research at the USDA Japanese Beetle Laboratory in Ohio shows two larvae in a 6-inch pot can reduce grass growth nearly 50% by eating the roots.

Populations of 40 to 80 grubs per square foot of soil are not uncommon.

A new experimental larvicide is proving very effective; however, it has not been registered for use on turfgrass.

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Last week USDA projected the 1981 corn crop at 7.94 billion bushels. If this materializes, it will be the largest crop in American history.

Soybeans are projected at 2.68 billion bushels, peanuts at 3.59 billion pounds and a cotton harvest of 15.5 million bales.

Locally we have one of the heaviest mast (acorns - hickory nuts) crops in a long time. Our wildlife are in for a full feed, also.

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US ag exports could hit a new record $44.7 billion in fiscal 1981. This increase stems from high prices--not an increase in sale weights.

Ag imports will be near last year's $17.3 billion--leaving a net surplus of $25 to $30 billion.

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Current estimates on the cost of rearing a child to age 18 for a Southern urban family of moderate means is $75,122.

But average production cost per farm for the Virginia, Tennesse, North Carolina area is $28,000 per farm. Average expenditures per farm ranged from $115,000 in California to $23,000 in Kentucky.

In percentage figures they translate as follows:

16% - Farm Services (vet service, breeding fees, insurance, marketing expenses, hired transportation)
15% - Feed
13% - Livestock and poultry
13% - Seeds, plants, fertilizers, chemicals
10% - Autos, trucks, tractors, machinery
9% - Interest, taxes
7% - Wages
7% - Fuel, energy
5% - Farm and motor supplies
5% - Buildings and fences

These figures were derived from a survey of 9,000 farmers and ranchers conducted by the USDA Crop Reporting Board.

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Happiness is 4-H

By FRANK H. SWEET

Congratulations to all of the many 4-H members who exhibited items in last week's Five County Fair. Appomattox 4-H'ers entered over 400 items in the Fair. Those 4-H'ers exhibiting in the large animal classes included Glen McClenny, Kenneth McClenny and Wendy McClenny in the Beef Cattle Division; Jason Griffith, Kim Kranta, Zane Torrence, and Connie Kranta in the Dairy Cattle Division; Karen Gilliam in the Sheep Division; and Steven Thoma and Ronald Thoma in the Goat Division.

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4-H'ers have until Friday of this week to sign up for the Hunter Safety Education program which will be offered next week. The course will be taught at the District Extension Office located next to the Post Office in Appomattox from 7:00 until 9:00 each night on Tuesday, September 29, Wednesday, September 30 and Thursday, October 1. Each 4-H'er completing the course will receive the Virgina Game Commission's Safe Hunter Certificate. Questions may be directed to the Extension Office (352-8244).

Last year's 4-H project materials will be due in the Extension Office by Friday, October 16. All 4-H'ers who turn in project materials will receive ribbons for their work.

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A 4-H Dark Tobacco Recognition program will be offered in 1982. 4-H'ers may grow between three tenths and one acre of tobacco to qualify for the program. The Virginia Dark Fired Tobacco Marketing Association will sponsor incentive awards. Details will be available in time for fall seeding of plantbeds.

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4-H Officer Training for newly elected 4-H officers at Appomattox Elementary School will be held on Wednesday afternoon, September 30. All new officers are urged to attend.

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Plans are underway to build a new swimming pool at Holiday Lake 4-H Center for the 1982 camping season. Appomattox 4-H'ers will have the opportunity to participate in a fund raising effort for the new pool.

Appomattox Homemakers

Club to meet

The Appomattox Homemakers Club will hold its regular monthly meeting Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Helen Gunter and Mrs. Grover Smith with a covered-dish luncheon.

A special speaker and installation of officers for the coming year will be features of this meeting.

All members are urged to attend.

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